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REMARKS

Claim 20 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

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Mark d-Up Version of Amended Claim 20

20 (Amended). A method of installing a dental prosthesis comprising the steps of: providing a system as in claim [11] 1; preparing a site within a jawbone; inserting the polymer sheath into the prepared site;

inserting the implant within the sheath, thereby causing expansion of the sheath within the jawbone;

coupling the abutment to the implant; whereby the sheath, the implant, and the abutment form a support structure for a dental prosthesis; and attaching a dental prosthesis to the abutment.